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RE: Freedom of Information Act Appeal EPA-HQ-2016-005749 (EPA-HQ-2016-003547)

Dear Ms. Valentine:

This letter is a final response to your above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal. Documents responsive to your appeal were previously provided to you on July 21, 2016. Additional documents are now being provided to you at your request even though they are either available from the State of Louisiana, or are in you or your client's possession. Some of the documents have been redacted, by virtue of the following sections of FOIA: 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which exempts from disclosure information about individuals in personnel and similar files when disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and Section (b)(7)(C) which exempts from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that if disclosed could cause an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by e-mail at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals *received* after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of

Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, the documents which have been withheld or redacted, or other concerns, please contact Legal Counsel Division Deputy Director, Tom Seaton via e-mail at seaton.tom@epa.gov or at (202) 564-2544, or attorney Nancy Parkinson via e-mail at parkinson.nancy@epa.gov or at (202) 564-2543.

Sincerely, Michael Rother

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Attachment

cc: National Freedom of Information Officer FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T)